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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Liu et al**

Application No. **09/970,020**

Group Art Unit: **1615**

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Examiner: **R. Joynes**

For: **Developing a Delivery System for Multi-Pharmaceutical Active Materials at Various Release Rates**

Docket No: 107223.139

Commissioner for Patents
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Response and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

I. Introductory Comments

This Response and Amendment is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003, for which a response is due on or before May 12, 2003.

Please amend the claims without prejudice as set forth below.